AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a sheet-shaped body in which a powder particle layer is sandwiched between a base sheet to which a bonding agent is applied and a covering sheet so as to be bonded into an integral body, comprising:

shifting the base sheet being held on a receiving and transferring roller face;

supplying powder particles to a concave groove of a temporary receiving roller face to form the powder particle layer;

transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet which is held on the receiving and transferring roller face such that an area of the base sheet contacting said receiving and transferring roller face is larger than an area of the base sheet contacting said temporary receiving roller face, while shifting the powder particle layer held on said temporary receiving roller face; and

bonding the base sheet, the powder particle layer and the covering sheet into an integral form while shifting the covering sheet in a held state on a contact-bond fixing roller face,

the powder particle layer being shifted at a shifting speed that is less than respective speeds of the base sheet and the covering sheet, such that the powder particle layer transferred onto the base sheet is formed into a linear shape or a blurred pattern in a shifting direction.

2. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet includes shifting the powder particle layer in a same direction as the base sheet.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet and the process for bonding the covering sheet are carried out on a same roller face.

5. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the powder particle layer is constituted by an absorbent resin particle layer.

6-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) A method for manufacturing a disposable absorbent article, wherein

the sheet-shaped body manufactured by the manufacturing method according to claim 5 is sandwiched between a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet to be bonded into an integral form so that the disposable absorbent article is produced.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet and the process for bonding the covering sheet are carried out on the receiving and transferring roller face.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 1, wherein

the process for transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet includes sealing an opening of the concave groove with a guide member such that the powder particle layer is enclosed inside the concave groove.

20. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a sheet-shaped body in which a powder particle layer is sandwiched between a base sheet to which a bonding agent is applied and a covering sheet so as to be bonded into an integral body, comprising:

shifting the base sheet being held on a receiving and transfer face of a receiving and transferring roller;

supplying powder particles to a concave groove of a temporary receiving roller face to form the powder particle layer;

transferring the powder particle layer onto the base sheet which is held on the receiving and transferring roller face such that an area of the base sheet contacting said receiving and transferring roller face is larger than an area of the base sheet contacting said temporary receiving roller face, while shifting the powder particle layer held on said temporary receiving roller face; and

bonding the base sheet, the powder particle layer and the covering sheet into an integral form while shifting the covering sheet in a held state on a contact face of a contact-bond fixing roller, a surface peripheral velocity of the temporary receiving roller being less than respective peripheral velocities of the contact-bond fixing roller and the receiving and transferring roller, such that the powder particle layer transferred onto the base sheet is formed into a linear shape or a blurred pattern in a shifting direction.

21. (Previously presented) The method for manufacturing the sheet-shaped body according to claim 20, wherein the temporary receiving roller has a generally circular side profile.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a sheet-shaped body in which a powder particle layer is sandwiched between a base sheet to which a bonding agent is applied and a covering sheet so as to be bonded into an integral body, the method comprising:

shifting the base sheet which is wound partially around a receiving and transfer face of a receiving and transferring roller by rotation of said receiving and transfer roller;

supplying powder particles to at least one concave groove in a temporary receiving roller face of a temporary receiving roller facing said receiving and transfer roller, said powder particles being shifted while being held in a layer state as a powder particle layer within said at least one groove by rotation of said temporary receiving roller in a direction opposite to said receiving and transferring roller;

transferring the powder particle layer held in said at least one groove onto the base sheet which ~~the bonding agent was applied~~ which is held on the receiving and transferring roller face such that an area of the base sheet contacting said receiving and transferring roller face is larger than an area of the base sheet contacting said temporary receiving roller face; and while shifting the powder particle layer held on said temporary receiving roller face; and

bonding the base sheet, the powder particle layer transferred onto the base sheet and the covering sheet into an integral form while shifting the covering sheet which is wound partially around a contact face of a contact-bond fixing roller facing said receiving and transferring roller by rotation of said contact-bond fixing roller in a direction opposite to said receiving and transferring roller , a surface peripheral rotational velocity of the temporary receiving roller being less than respective surface

peripheral velocities of the contact-bond fixing roller and the receiving and transferring roller such that the powder particle layer transferred onto the base sheet is formed into a linear shape or a blurred pattern in a direction of shifting of the base sheet.

24. (Cancelled)